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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6888

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LOME

AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0111

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, DM

SUBJ: COLLAPSE OF COUP ATTEMPT

ABIDJAN FOR DATT

REF COTONOU 97

1. ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT ORGANIZED AND LED BY THE MIN OF LABOR, CAPT JANVIER ASSOGBA, COLLAPSED SOMETIME DURING THE NIGHT (JAN 23-24), WHEN HE SURRENDED. HE IS REPORTEDLY BEING HELD BY THE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE HEADQUARTERS AT PORTO-NOVO.

2. ASSOGBA APPARENTLY DECIDED TO SURRENDER BECAUSE HIS SUPPORT, WHICH SEVERAL DAYS AGO SEEMED TO INCLUDE A MAJORITY OF THE MILITARY OFFICER CORPS, MELTED AWAY AND HE RESOLVED TO
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OBSERVE THE 14-YEAR OLD DAHOMEAN TRADITION THAT ISSUES OF

POWER BE SETTLED WITHOUT BLOODSHED.

3. WILL COMMENT FURTHER WHEN SITUATION AND IMPLICATIONS BECOME CLEARER. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT OUR ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF CONSEQUENCES OF COUP'S FAILURE (REF) WILL STAND, I.E. THE EXTREMEIST ELEMENT IN THE KEREKOU REGIME WILL EMERGE STRENGTHENED.
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